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1 1. A method comprising:
2 receiving on a first client a message from a
3 server addressed to said client; and
4 controlling the storage of information on said
5 client based on information included in said message.

1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 assigning an individual identifier to the clients
3 comprising a set of clients including said first client;
4 assigning a group identifier to a subset of the
5 clients within the set of clients; and
6 enabling the first client in said set to
7 determine whether a message is sent to the first client or
8 to the subset.

1 3. The method of claim 2 further including sending a
2 single message to a subset of said clients.

1 4. The method of claim 2 including sending
2 television content to a plurality of clients.

1 5. The method of claim 2 wherein assigning an
2 individual identifier includes assigning a code portion
3 that identifies a particular client as belonging to a
4 subset of clients within the set of clients.

1 6. The method of claim 5 including comparing a group
2 identifier, received by a client with a message, to the
3 client's individual identifier to determine whether the
4 particular client is within the addressed subset.

1 7. The method of claim 2 including addressing the
2 same message to a subset of clients.

1 8. The method of claim 2 including sending a message
2 to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

1 9. The method of claim 1 including receiving a
2 message including an identifier which specifies a task to
3 perform on a storage device.

1 10. The method of claim 9 including receiving a
2 message including an identifier indicating a change to a
3 partition on said storage device.

1 11. An article comprising a medium storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
3 receive on a first client a message from a server
4 addressed to said client; and
5 control the storage of information on said client
6 based on information included in said message.

1 12. The article of claim 11 further comprising a
2 medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based
3 system to:

4 assign an individual identifier to a client
5 comprising a set of clients;

6 assign a group identifier to a subset of the
7 client within the set of clients; and

8 enable a first client in said set to determine
9 whether a message is sent to the first client or to the
10 subset.

1 13. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to send
3 a single message to a subset of said clients.

1 14. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to send
3 television content to a plurality of clients.

1 15. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 assign a code portion that identifies a particular client
4 as belonging to a subset of clients within the set of
5 clients.

1 16. The article of claim 15 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 compare a group identifier, received by a client with a
4 message, to the client's individual identifier to determine
5 whether the client is within the address subset.

1 17. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 address the same message to a subset of clients.

1 18. The article of claim 12 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to send
3 a message to a client in a unidirectional messaging system.

1 19. The article of claim 11 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 decode a command within said message to modify the storage
4 of information on a storage device.

1 20. The article of claim 19 further storing
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to
3 modify a partition on said storage device in response to a
4 command included within said message.

1 21. A system comprising:
2 a processor-based device; and
3 a storage storing instructions that enable said
4 processor-based device to receive a message from a server
5 addressed to said processor-based device and control the
6 storage of information on said processor-based device based
7 on the information included in said message.

1 22. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage
2 stores instructions that enable the device to compare a
3 group identifier in a message to determine whether the
4 device is within a group addressed by said server.

1 23. The system of claim 22 including a comparator
2 that compares a group identifier, received by the device
3 with a message, to the device's individual identifier to
4 determine whether the particular device is within the
5 addressed subset.

1 24. A method comprising:
2 transmitting a message to a client; and
3 controlling the storage of information on said
4 client based on information included in said message.

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1 25. The method of claim 24 including transmitting a
2 message including an identifier which specifies a task to
3 perform on a storage device.

1 26. The method of claim 24 including transmitting a
2 message to an agent on said client to cause the client to
3 alter the way information is stored on said client.

1 27. An article comprising a medium storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
3 transmit a message to a client; and
4 control the storage of information on said client
5 based on information included in said message.

1 28. The article of claim 27 further storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to
3 transmit a message including an identifier which specifies
4 a task to perform on a storage device.

1 29. The article of claim 27 further storing
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to
3 transmit a message to an agent on said client to cause the
4 client to alter the way information is stored on said
5 client.

1 30. A system comprising:
2 a processor-based device; and
3 a storage storing instructions that enable said
4 processor-based device to transmit a message to a client
5 and control the storage of information on said client based
6 on the information included in said message.

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